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Attached is the letter we have drafted for you based on your comments. Please review it and make changes to anything that does not represent what you think. If you received this letter by fax, you can photocopy it onto your business letterhead; if the letter was emailed, just print it out on your letterhead. Then sign and fax it to the Attorney General. We believe that it is essential to let our Attorney General know how important this issue is to their constituents. The public comment period for this issue ends on January 28th. Please send in your letter as soon as is convenient.

When you send out the letter, please do one of the following:

- \* Fax a signed copy of your letter to us at 1-800-641-2255;
- \* Email us at [fin@mobilizationoffice.com](mailto:fin@mobilizationoffice.com) to confirm that you took action.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 1-800-965-4376. Thank you for your help in this matter.

The Attorney General's fax and email are noted below.

Fax: 1-202-307-1454 or 1-202-616-9937

Email: [microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov](mailto:microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov)

In the Subject line of the e-mail, type Microsoft Settlement.

For more information, please visit these websites:

[www.microsoft.com/freedomtoinnovate/](http://www.microsoft.com/freedomtoinnovate/)  
[www.usdoj.gov/atr/cases/ms-settle.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/cases/ms-settle.htm)

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. A settlement is available and the terms are fair, I would like to see the government accept the settlement and move on.

Many people think that Microsoft has gotten off easy, in fact this is not true. Microsoft has agreed to many concessions in order to reach the settlement. The biggest being that Microsoft agreed to release part of the Windows base code to its competitors. This is so Microsoft's competitors can develop more compatible software. Microsoft has spent years and millions of dollars developing their products, now they are required to hand out part of their work. There is a big difference between companies that develop new products and companies that copy them. Unfortunately, the government has decided to harass the company that develops them.

This issue has been drug out for over three year now; it is time to put an end to it.

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Microsoft and the  
technology industry need to move forward. It will be virtually impossible to move  
forward with this issue  
hanging over the industry's head. Please accept the settlement allow the industry to  
move on.

Sincerely,

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